



# **Thomas P. Christie**

## **Sworn in as Director of Operational Test and Evaluation**

**T**homas P. Christie was sworn in July 17 as the director of Operational Test and Evaluation. In this capacity, he serves as the principal staff assistant and primary advisor to the Secretary of Defense on testing of DoD weapon systems. He will prescribe policies and procedures for the conduct of operational test and evaluation, live-fire test and evaluation, the composition and operations of the major range and test facility base, and the configuration of the test and evaluation infrastructure within the Defense Department. As he performs these duties, Christie will issue guidance to and consult with Pentagon leadership.

Prior to this position, Christie served for nine years as Director of the Operational Evaluation Division at the Institute for Defense Analyses, a federally funded research and development center. Christie was responsible for independent analyses of more than 200 major DoD test and evaluation programs.

Christie has previously served at the Department. He was Director, Program Integration, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition); and served in two separate positions in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation), first as Deputy Assis-

tant Secretary of Defense/Deputy Director (General Purpose Programs), and then Director, Tactical Air Division.

Prior to his DoD service, Christie served at the Air Force Armament Laboratory, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., as chief of the analysis branch and later as the director of the Weapon System Analysis Division. Prior to these assignments, Christie began his professional career as an analyst in the Ballistics Division at the Air Proving Ground Center and at Eglin Air Force Base.

Christie graduated from Spring Hill College with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and from New York University with a master's degree in Applied Mathematics. Over the years, Christie has received numerous awards and citations for his outstanding performance, including the Presidential Rank Distinguished Executive Award (1983); the Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award (two awards — 1980 and 1987); the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award (four awards — 1979, 1981, 1983, and 1989); and the Air Force Scientific Achievement Award (two awards — 1965 and 1970).

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